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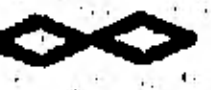

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Hongkong, 6th February, 1909. [29]

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LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 9TH, 1909.

BISHOP BRENT, on being elected Chairman of the International Opium Commission at Shanghai, delivered a speech in which he remarked that all great problems go through two distinct stages. There is first the emotional stage, "based largely upon sentiment and ideals that are conceived in the inner self, sometimes more independent of facts than is warranted." The emotional stage finds expression in agitation, and, as the Chairman remarked, "we have had agitation" in regard to the opium problem. In his opinion we are "at least midway in the second or scientific stage, when men deal with ascertained facts and reach certain conclusions of a practical character that will enable those on whom the responsibility rests to arrive at some final conclusion." How much better it would be if the scientific stage came first, and the emotional stage later! There would not then be half as many hysterical folk in the world as there are now under the existing order of solving "great problems." The difficulty, however, in this opium problem is to ascertain the facts. H.E. TUAN FANG, the Chinese High Commissioner, in his inaugural address last week, made the astonishing statement that the various provinces of the Empire have been able to so reduce the cultivation of the

poppy that "it would seem that this cultivation may be entirely stopped within the next couple of years." Now on October 4th last an Imperial Rescript was issued with regard to a memorial presented to the Throne by the Ministry of Finance, giving the returns of foreign imports of opium and of the native production, together with the sales thereof. These returns showed that the native production in 1905 was 142,688 piculs; in 1906 it was 148,100; and in 1907 119,948. The sales in 1905 are shown as having amounted to within 1000 piculs of the production; in 1907 they fell short of the production by nearly 18,000 piculs, and in 1907, the sales were over 22,000 piculs short of the production. These are interesting figures, but are they more reliable than Chinese statistics usually are? And what justification is there for believing that the suppression of the traffic will proceed at the same rate? In this same memorial it is shown that there was a progressive increase in sales of foreign opium in those three years. In 1905 they are returned as 51,920 piculs; in 1906, 54,117 piculs; and in 1907, 54,580. According to these returns the native-grown opium is shown to be only about twice as much as the foreign opium imported into China. In the letter published in yesterday's *Daily Press* over the signatures of the Opium Merchants of Hongkong it was said that the production in China of native opium is from eight to ten times as large as the total import of the foreign drug. Which statement is correct? One of the first duties of the Commission will be to ascertain the relative amounts of foreign and native opium consumed in the Empire, and in view of the notorious unreliability of Chinese statistics we fear that this initial difficulty will prove a very great one indeed. The Chairman rightly insisted that in all the deliberations of the Commission and in all the Committee work they must bear in mind that they were to confine themselves to facts that would enable them, he trusted, to reach unanimous resolutions, and, perhaps, recommendations of a practical, broad and wise character in connection with these resolutions. Bishop BRENT threw out the suggestion that it would be extremely wise if the assembly were to rule out of their deliberations "what might be termed useless historical questions beneath which a great deal of controversy lies hidden, and which would only tend to fog the issue." That sounds excellent enough, but we question the wisdom of disregarding a history which sheds so much light on the problem which the Commissioners have assembled to discuss. It is hardly possible indeed to disregard it, but we can be quite sure that, whatever historical knowledge of the question the Commissioners possess will be applied to the clearing of the issue and not to the fogging of it. The deliberations of the Commission are to be conducted in camera, but a Publication Committee will be responsible for the issue of summaries of the proceedings. Doubtless the appointment of the Commission has strengthened the purpose of the Chinese Government, but a symposium of reports from a large number of districts in China which the *N. C. Daily News* has recently published gave the impression that TUAN FANG, the Chinese Commissioner, was most unduly optimistic when he predicted the suppression of the cultivation of the poppy in China "in the course of a couple of years."

The English Mail of the 9th January was delivered in London on the 6th inst.

There is an interesting short story in the *Queen* by Miss Violet Blair, daughter of Dr. Koch, of Hongkong. It is entitled "When Half-Gods go."

It is very satisfactory to note that up to the 6th instant there has not been a single case of plague this year in the Colony. The return of other communicable diseases shows two fatal cases of enteric fever, both Chinese.

On Sunday the dead body of a coolie was found lying on the roadside at Shauiwan. On top of the coolie, a heavy load of timber was found. It is surmised that deceased, while carrying this load stumbled and fell, and a piece of wood striking him on the head, killed him instantly.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 7th February, 1909, shows that of non-Chinese there were 421 to the Library and 109 to the Museum and of Chinese 175 to the former and 5,989 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 596 persons and the Museum by 6,098.

Harmon's Circus will be with us for only five nights more. The tent at Causeway Bay was again well filled last night, and the audience testified their approval of the good turns provided in the usual way. To-night's programme will include an amusing riding competition, for which numerous entrants have been booked, and to-morrow afternoon there will be a matinee.

A Chinese merchant residing at Yamat, who assisted a linkong in the arrest of a bad character, was commended for his action by Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday.

We are officially informed that it is proposed to demolish the Clock Tower as soon as the new Clock Tower on the Post Office building is completed.

A meeting of exporters was held at Hankow on the 2nd instant, to protest against the arbitrary action of the River steamers in raising the price of freight by Tls. 1.20 per ton, thus entailing enormous losses on the trade.

Sochow is now provided with electric light works. Machinery capable of lighting about 6,000 lamps has been installed and some 3,000 lamps are already in use and in a short time the railway station will be lighted by electricity.

Kowloon residents will be glad to learn that the Sanitary Board have taken action which should put an end to many complaints which have come from that side of the harbour lately. We learn that the scavenging contractor has been penalised to the extent of \$150 for a breach of the terms of his contract.

A Naval and Military festival service is to be held at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, to-night at 9 p.m. when a sermon will be preached by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Victoria. By kind permission of Lt.-Col. Beard, D.S.O., and the Officers, the Band of the Buffs will play in addition to the Cathedral Organ. A collection will be made on behalf of The Soldiers and Sailors' Families' Association.

"In memory of John Shaw Burdon, Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong, 1846-1897" is the inscription on a solid silver Alms Dish which has been presented to St. John's Cathedral by Bishop Burdon's sons, Major J. A. Burdon, C.M.G., of Northern Nigeria, and Mr. E. R. Burdon, M.A., of Cambridge. The inscription is engraved round the rim of the Alms Dish, while the central design is copied from the late Bishop's seal.

The impudence of some Chinese thieves who broke into the house of Mr. Gomez in Caine Road and stole a quantity of cooking utensils proved to be their undoing. After getting away with their booty the defendants sent a go-between to Mr. Gomez' cook and offered to let him redeem the stolen property for a small payment. This information was imparted to the police, a trap was set, and the men were arrested at the spot where the stolen property was to be returned. Mr. Wood sentenced each of the defendants to six weeks' imprisonment.

DISOBEYING BANISHMENT ORDERS.

Four natives were charged at the Police Court yesterday with disobeying orders of banishment. Two of the men who appeared before Mr. J. H. Kemp were sentenced to six months' imprisonment. The third man to appear before the same Magistrate was also charged with a burglary. He was arrested after having broken into a house at Hungshing, and subsequently it was found that he was an old offender. On January 21st, 1907, he was arrested for being a rogue and vagabond and sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment and banished on February 3rd. On the 2nd May of the same year he was again, before the Court, and sentenced to twelve months' hard labour for disobeying the banishment order. On the 1st May of the following year he was again banished, but turned up again on the 18th of the same month, and went to jail for another six months, after which he was expelled from the Colony again. Yesterday, however, he was found again, and on the charges, being proved, his Worship sent him to jail for six months on the robbery count, and added another twelve months to his sentence for turning from banishment.

The fourth man, who was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, was much more fortunate; a sentence of only six weeks being passed upon him.

DANCE AT THE KING EDWARD HOTEL.

Last night Admiral of the Fleet Sir James Erskine and Lady Erskine, entertained a number of their friends at the King Edward Hotel where a very enjoyable dance was held. For this purpose the small dining room was transformed, and made an admirable dancing room. Handsome floral designs and flags draped the walls, the general effect presenting a very pretty appearance under electric light. A big dining room was used as a supper room, while on the floor above, one of the front drawing rooms was converted into a card room to accommodate those who found more pleasure in a game of cards than in the dancing hall. Screens of matting, draped with flags, surrounded the balcony of the first floor, where the dancers sat. Machado's string band provided excellent music, and dancing was continued with zest until an early hour. The artistic decorations were arranged by Mr. Gao, manager of the hotel, and Signal Boatman Cubitt and the Signal Staff of H.M.S. *Bedford*, and those who were present will readily admit that they did their work well. The supper was supplied by the King Edward Hotel.

Among the invited guests were Vice Admiral Sir Hedworth Lampton, Major General Broadwood, Commodore Mrs. and Miss Lyon, Colonel Darlington, Sir Francis and Lady Figgitt, the Hon. Mr. F. H. and Mrs. May, Sir Henry Berkeley, the Hon. Mr. W. Ross Davies, Captains Erskine, Smith, Nugent and Clinton Baker, Colonel and Mrs. Bayard, Colonel and Mrs. Chamier, Capt. Baron von Mayern Hohenberg, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gresson and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. M. Smith.

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LAUNCH OF AN AMERICAN "DREADNOUGHT"

LONDON, February 7th.
The American battleship "Deleware" of the Dreadnought type, has been launched at Newport News. She will be armed with ten 12-inch guns.

A GERMAN CHANCELLOR MURDERED IN CHILE.

LONDON, February 7th.
The Chancellery of the German Legation at Santiago, Chile, has been destroyed by fire, and the body of the Chancellor has been found among the ruins. He appears to have been murdered, as his skull was split.

THE BRITISH CABINET AND THE NAVAL PROGRAMME.

LONDON, February 8th.
The "Daily Chronicle" understands that the differences among the members of the Cabinet with regard to the Naval programme have been adjusted.

The Admiralty established the case for its construction programme, but acknowledged that undue speed in proceeding with the building of the new Dreadnoughts is unnecessary.

Consequently the net increase in the Naval Estimates will not exceed £2,500,000.

The newspapers generally anticipate the laying down of six Dreadnoughts.

[FROM THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO"]

A POLICE STATION WRECKED AT WOOSUNG.

SHANGHAI, February 8th.
A number of gunners from the Woosung fort quarrelled with a policeman at a theatre, and subsequently wrecked the station and set the prisoners free.

The shopkeepers of the district are so incensed at the conduct of the gunners that they have closed their shops as a protest.

CHINA'S SLAVES.

PEKING, February 8th.
A censor has memorialised the Throne to stop the practice of purchasing girl slaves.

CHINA'S FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION.

PEKING, February 8th.
The Ministry of Finance has resolved to establish Financial Departments in the various provinces of the Empire under the direct control of the Ministry at Peking.

CHAN PIK'S DISMISSAL RECOMMENDED.

PEKING, February 8th.
After investigating the charges alleged against Chan Pik, President of the Board of Communications, the Board of Punishment has recommended his dismissal.

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The Hongkong agents are Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co.

THE MANILA CARNIVAL.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

February 4th.

As one of the local newspapers expresses it "Manila has capitulated to fun and frolic." Business is not taken at all seriously these days and, with or without the holidays being declared, the time is given up to merry making and to enjoying the spectacular effects provided by the processions and by the many costumed figures on the street. Were it not Carnival time one would experience a shock on seeing a man attired in blaring green and red uniform and wearing a green helmet stalking along the busy Escolta or in meeting a grotesque figure of great height and considerable lack of beauty. But in business and in play the American seems to be thorough, and when the Filipinos are also joining in the play with all the joyousness of their light-hearted sunny dispositions it follows that there is little diversity in the realm of amusement over which King Carnival holds sway. How general is this sentiment will be understood when I mention that on the opening night as many as 25,000 paid for admission, but to this number has to be added another 10,000 at least. These figures in themselves will indicate the immense popularity of this Carnival.

The visiting journalists and others from Hongkong are being well looked after. In inviting them to become their guests for the event the Carnival Association had in view not merely giving greater publicity to the Carnival itself, but contemplated bringing about a better understanding between the cities of Hongkong and Manila. That this result is likely to be achieved there can be little doubt. A closer connection will demonstrate that the cities have something to gain from each other, and if no higher motives inspire their citizens that alone ought to bring about the more intimate relations which are desirable. Hongkong is a great financial centre to which those in the Islands look in some degree for assistance in developing the natural resources of the Philippines and reciprocally Hongkong capitalists will find much here to engage their consideration and attention.

Now a word about the Carnival itself. Yesterday the event of the day was the procession of floats. These represented various countries and many of them were undoubtedly works of art. While there was freedom for originality in design and execution they all adhered to the characteristic feature which distinguishes one country from another and the emblems introduced are exceedingly well worked out. The float representing Spain was one of the prettiest in an imposing pageant, and special mention should also be made of Egypt, Tibet and Japan. Dense crowds lined the route of the procession and the popularity of the institution was clearly demonstrated. The Sports attracted another large crowd to the Hippodrome at night.

Speaking of Sport reminds me that up till now Hongkong has been rather unfortunate. In the Tennis singles the representatives from the colony have been extinguished before the semi-final was reached. Captain Beale, who had to beat one of his fellow travellers to get into the second round, was vanquished by the American Johnson in the next round by 6-4, 6-1, and Captain Brierley, who had also to overcome another Hongkong player in the first round, met the same fate in the next round at the hands of Mr. R. MacPherson, of the Chartered Bank, formerly of Hongkong, while Mr. Norris, the former Hongkong champion, defeated Mr. MacPherson in the third. In the doubles Hongkong has had the same ill fortune in the draw, Captain Brierley and Lieut. Bryne having to meet Captain Baird and Commander Campbell in the first round. The former couple won—7-5, 6-1. The only consolation so far is that Norris is fancied for the winner of the tournament. In Polo Hongkong has had no better luck. The first match yesterday resulted in the victory of the American team by six goals to one. In a measure this result was not unexpected. The visitors found the ponies higher and swifter than those to which they have been accustomed, but still they put up a good game. Play was very even and it was not till near the end of the sixth or seventh chukka that the home team obtained the decided lead with which they finished. The teams were:—

The English team: 1. Commander Campbell R.N., 2. Lieutenant Crookenden, 3. Major Findlay, 4. Lieutenant Green.

The American team: 1. Captain Babcock 1st Cavalry, 2. Lieutenant Adair, 10th Cavalry, 3. Lieutenant Koeh, 4. Lieutenant Wainwright, 1st Cavalry.

In Athletics Hongkong too did not secure a win. Lt. Col. Andrews, of the Buffs, ran in the quarter mile race last night. His only real opponent was a coloured soldier who rejoiced in the name of George Washington. He has just secured the championship of the Philippines. The runners got away well and Andrews took the lead but he was displaced in the first lap by the coon. The latter was not allowed to hold this advantage and Andrews again came to the front. The excitement became intense as the British soldier, running beautifully, increased his lead and looked like winning, but the fine stride of the negro brought him alongside and enabled him to breast the tape first about two feet ahead of his rival. It was a fine race, and the coloured man deserved his win. Andrews runs again to-night in the half mile race and it is hoped he will manage to pull off a win.

The Cricket Match did not take place yesterday as arranged but will be played on Sunday, when the Hongkong players will also engage in a series of doubles players of the Manila Club and the Athletic Association. [The results were given by telegram on our yesterday's issue.—Ed.]

I have already mentioned the open handed hospitality which is being extended to the visiting journalists. Not only have all the newspaper offices been placed at our disposal but we have received all the courtesies possible. We

have received the open sesame to all the clubs. All the factories, institutions, are ready to receive us; and wherever we go, there is the same cordial welcome. Yesterday by appointment we met His Excellency Governor-General Smith who received us very cordially and expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing so many journalists from Hongkong and hoped that we would return with good impressions of Manila. Not only that but he was desirous that we should see something of the Islands and arranged for our making a visit to Baguio, the Simla of the Philippines. In addition he offered us accommodation at the Malacanang, the Governor's Palace. Consequently we left his presence with very happy recollections of a genial old gentleman, a man who blends dignity with typical American breeziness of manner.

THE TYPHOON OF 1908.

REWARDS FOR BRAVERY.

A very pleasing and interesting ceremony took place at the Taishan Station of the Kowloon Customs, yesterday, at which thirteen of the Native gismen were the happy recipients of well-merited honours for life saving and bravery displayed during the Typhoon of 27th July last, off Taishan Station in the Canton River, where upwards of 60 junks either sank or were dashed to pieces on the rocks.

At break of day and during the height of the storm, the men mentioned below, in response to a call from the foreign officers, volunteered for the noble work and put off in the gigs, and so successful were their efforts that in combination with those of the men on shore they were instrumental in saving over 150 lives. The first mentioned man displayed exceptional gallantry by jumping overboard from a gig with a line and making it fast to a vessel's mast which the gig was unable to reach, and by so doing was the means of saving the crews of several junks in the vicinity.

The report of this valuable rescue work was duly brought to the notice of the Commissioner of Customs, and subsequently submitted to the Canton Viceroy who expressed himself as being much gratified by the success of these efforts, and had much pleasure in bestowing Certificates of Merit conferring Official Buttons on the following men:—

Li Chiang-lui—sixth class Button and Merit Certificate. Hu Jung Hu Choo, Chang Ken, Yeh Lien, Yin Ping, Yeh Yuh, Feng Fu, Li Yu, Huang Mau, Hu K'o, Chung Yun and Huang Ts—eighth class Button and Merit Certificate.

The Commissioner of Customs, Mr. A. H. HARRIS, in the presence of the assembled staff made the presentation. He said—"It is with much pleasure that I find myself here this morning to show the appreciation of H. E. The Viceroy of the good work performed by the men of this Station during the Typhoon of July 1908. At that time—the night of July 27-28—there were anchored in the Bay and neighbourhood several scores of Junks and the loss of life and property among them was very severe. It is for rescue work among these craft that I am now called upon to bestow these Merit Certificates carrying with them Official Buttons on 13 members of the gismen staff. Under the guidance of Mr. Adamsen, the Officer in charge of the station, and inspired by the example and co-operation of the foreign staff, many trips—in fact nine in all—were made to junks in distress and some 60 lives were saved. In risking your lives to save those men in distress you all proved yourselves worthy followers of one of the finest of callings and you gismen have shown that the spirit that animates your Western brothers is alive in yourselves. It is the first duty of a sailor to succour those in need at sea and your act on that night compares favourably with those of any other set of men. You, Li Chiang-lui, in swimming off with a line to a wreck and thereby enabling some twenty men to get saved, are especially to be commended, and the Viceroy has conferred on you a Merit Certificate with Button of the 6th Class. On the others His Excellency has conferred Certificates with Button of the 8th Class. In addition, third class seaman Li is now promoted to the 2nd class. It is with much pleasure that I record the gallant conduct of the Foreign staff who assisted to man the boats that pulled off to the wrecks showing that you were equally capable of risking your lives as of directing operations from ashore. That you would thus act was taken for granted; none of you can be false to the traditions of your native land. I have informed the Viceroy of the active part you took in this rescue work and have no doubt that he will take the same favourable notice of your efforts as he has of those of the native gismen. Thank you all for your good work (which has also been brought to the notice of the Inspector General) and I am sure you will be inspired by this mark of the Viceroy's notice to continue to show yourselves loyal, energetic, and steady men of whom the Service can be proud."

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 8th at 12.05 p.m.—The barometer has risen in Japan, and fallen over China particularly in the North.

The high pressure area, which has decreased in intensity remaining over the Yangtze Valley and pressure is still relatively low over P.E. Japan.

Gradients have decreased.

Fresh monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and strong monsoon over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood	fresh; cloudy, some rain.
Formosa Channel	Same as No. 1.
South coast of China (between)	Same as No. 1.
Hongkong and Iamocks	Same as No. 1.
South coast of China (between)	Same as No. 1.
Hongkong and Malacca	Same as No. 1.

AUCTIONS



PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-DAY (TUESDAY), the 9th February, 1909, at 11 A.M., at the Police Compound, Central Police Station, SUNDRIY CONDEMNED, OBSOLETE, AND CONFISCATED STORES, ALSO A QUANTITY OF ARMS AND AMMUNITIONS. Terms—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers. Hongkong, 4th February, 1909. [282]

(BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE) PARTICULARS OF SALE OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY To be Sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, On MONDAY, the 15th day of February, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, by Mr. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

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"KISSING THE BOOK"

A short time ago a witness in the Supreme Court was not permitted to swear in the Scottish fashion whereby the oath is administered by the witness holding up the right hand. The following letter which appears in a recent issue of *The Times* over the signature of Colonel Henry Mapleson is an interesting comment on the custom of "Kissing the Book."

"Sir,—A very eminent prima donna (who is at present under engagement to me, but whose name I purposely withhold for fear that this letter might be regarded as an advertisement) was recently subpoenaed as a witness in a case. The Book which was handed her to kiss was dirty and ill-smelling. Some days after the lady in question was troubled with a rash on her mouth and chin, which finally affected her throat. The doctor pronounced it a malignant disease, and she was compelled to declare it to have been transmitted to her patient through the foul Testament she had been compelled to kiss at the Court. It took two months to cure the ailment, and during this time the prima donna lost a considerable sum through inability to fulfil professional engagements. Ever since the science of preventing disease became a serious study attention has been drawn to the danger and risks which witnesses run in kissing Court Testaments. Even a casual inspection of these books is sufficient to reveal their horribly grimy condition and a microscopic examination would undoubtedly reveal a state of things too disgusting to contemplate. The late Judge Pitt-Taylor is reported to have stated that he considered the practice of kissing the Book as insanitary, repulsive, and absolutely unnecessary; and he advocated, in language not less emphatic, that the older ceremony of laying the hand on the Testament should be reverted to.

"Not long ago it was proved that a witness suffering from a virulent contagious disease of the lips was allowed by a High Court Judge to kiss the Book, and although there was a talk of drawing the attention of Parliament to the matter, nothing has been done to remedy the evil.

"Why not adopt in this country the Scottish system whereby the oath is administered by the witness holding up the right hand when taking the ordinary oath?

"I remember about five years ago, during an epidemic of smallpox in London, that the High Court Judges had notices issued informing witnesses of their right to be sworn in the Scottish form in accordance with the provisions of the Oath Act. Kissing the Book is unknown in continental countries, where the old English form is used as laying the hand upon an open Bible whilst repeating the words. I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, excepting in France, where the same formula is used, but a witness holds up his right hand instead of touching the Bible.

"Witnesses in English Courts should take the law in their own hands and refuse to kiss filthy and insanitary books, rather than run the risk of catching a cutaneous disease or something worse."

A CITY IN THE GRIP OF WHISTITIS.

TRAGIC-COMEDY OF THE GREAT YORK DRIVE.

A York correspondent wrote last month as follows to a London paper:— "The lady whose fair, frizzly hair bristled with pale blue bows shimmered girlishly as she took her seat at the great whist drive to-night."

"I am afraid I am an awfully bad player," she said. Her partner young Mr. W. from Messrs. X's, the grocer, looking very natty in evening dress, with a scarlet handkerchief shining like the sea of hearts against his spotted shirt-front, smiled with gentle malice at the girl's self-deception. "Snap!"

The smile continued all through the dealing of the cards, until, the king of spades having been played, the lady plucked the king of the diamonds from her hand, slapped it on the table, and cried triumphantly, "Snap!"

He never smiled again and the stewards assisted him away.

The whist fever is growing steadily worse. It has spread from York to the neighbouring suburbs. Dinners are hurried through, omnibuses chartered, and the family hastens to the exhibition hall.

1,500 PLAYERS. The committee have added another room to-night, and there have been nearly 1,500 players. The good people of York have already spent more than £150 on playing whist, and by the end of the week £500 or more will have been realised for the Lord Mayor's unemployed fund.

The rooms themselves are a fascinating study. Never before have so many types of card-players been gathered under one roof.

There is the nervous player, who fidgets with his moustache and draws out his cards with tremulous hesitation; the grim player who frowns heavily; the expert player who argues after each game with a string of endless "ifs"; the excited player who thumps his cards down with a "beat-that-if-you-can" air; and, last, the truth must out—the player who can't play at all, and simply gets rid of all the aces in her or his hand, and trusts to luck.

Silence broods over the hall from the moment of the ringing of the bell. You may see men with white ribbons on their coats. They are ladies for the purpose of the game, so there is a shortage of remaining players.

Keen-eyed stewards walk about the rooms ready to settle knotty points.

There was, for instance, the problem of the elusive ace to-night which will go down to posterity as an unsolved mystery. The undoubted facts are that four people started a game, and at the finish found that they had been playing with fifty-one cards. An ace had vanished.

AGE MISSING. Stewards searched the chairs and tables and counted the cards. Where was the ace? Every one looked guilty. The chief steward arrived on the scene and counted the cards again. Lo! there were fifty-two! Four players looked guiltier than ever. Dark rumours in peaceful York.

But there are more comedies than tragedies. There is the achievement of the buxom lady who trumped her partner's card unnecessarily with the ace, and when asked for an explanation said: "Well, I played the smallest I had—the one of trumps."

There is the case of the young lady who was under the impression that she did not have to follow suit.

A new crop of diseases has sprung up from the Yorkists playing whist for four hours a night. There are the whist thumb, a stiffening of the joint caused by holding the cards too long; the whist eye, which sees spots dancing before it; spots which take the shape of hearts, diamonds, clubs, and spades; but worst of all is the fall fever, which has gripped the city like a plague.

THE HONESTY OF WOMAN.

IS IT LESS THAN MAN'S? This palpitating question has become one of the great subjects of discussion in Paris, thanks to a symposium in *La Revue* the bi-monthly publication so cleverly conducted by M. Jean Finot. The list of people appealed to is formidable—prominent men and women writers.

There is not one dare openly to affirm that woman is dishonest, but some take a disposition to adopt that line of argument so common in English courts: "I am not guilty; but if I am."

In this case, it is all the fault of the men. If woman does not tell the truth, if she equivocates, is she sly, if she is not "square," then the offence must be laid at the door of the other sex. Man made her so, because he kept her down with long years of servitude.

The lord of creation has a "mauvaise presse," I remark. Masculine writers give their brothers away without the least shame or compunction. Hardly any one has a good word to say for the dethroned, or partially dethroned, tyrant. Did any one ever whisper in the secrecy of his library, or fortified by the presence of other always "play the game," there is no suggestion of it here. The awe of the Suffragettes is over all, or, at least, the fear of Feminism, which is not quite the same thing. You may be a Feminist and think nothing of the vote, and you may not admire Pankhurst's methods in the least.

FEMININE DOMINATION. This inquiry amongst the intellects of France is striking enough. Not a one but says the enfranchisement of the sex is necessary for the full realisation of the highest human ideals. The more scientific the spirit in which this question is examined, the more positive the reply, the more favourable to woman the verdict. There is no question of gallantry in it. Max Nordau, who wrote "Degeneration," and inveighs so ceaselessly against the conventional falsehood, declares that social morality is entirely the work of woman. She created it, she developed it, she guards it. The only thing to fear in case of feminine domination, he thinks, is an exaggerated Puritanism, with all that it implies of apparent respectability and hidden vice.

SERVILE MAN. A well-known society woman, the Duchess d'Uzes, asks, whether man and woman—both of them—do not make up the human race. Then there is Tristan Bernard, famous as the author of "Toujours" and other delightfully amusing plays. He is paradoxical. Woman will not only equal man, but surpass him. When that arrives, man will take on the characteristics of oppressed woman. He will become servile. He will cringe and try to carry favour with powerful femininity, which is no longer feminine. Woman will be the top-dog, and I suppose, will pay off all scores, the accumulation of the centuries, mercifully, M. Bernard draws a veil over this painful prospect. Finally, Anatole France, the master of contemporary French literature, questions whether man is so virtuous that he should desire to weigh himself in the balance against woman. And he speaks of masculine arrogance and ferocity and brutality. "A bad lot," evidently. The last hope of the sex is gone.

And so woman according to the judgment of Paris is not more dishonest than man. Hence springs that legend that she was? Is it merely the veil of lies spun by the adversary to impede the progress of Eve Victorious? Your opinion, counter—Paris Correspondent of the *Pink Mail Gazette*.

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Short Notice. [908]

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FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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Goods not cleared by the 10th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 4th February, 1909. [1]

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"CONSTANTIA" Captain Habel, having arrived Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th inst., will be subject to rent.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected. HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE. Hongkong Office. Hongkong, 5th February, 1909. [289]

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SHANGHAI	DELTA Capt. B. W. H. Snow	About 19th Febr.	Freight and Passage.
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E. A. HEWETT,
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Hongkong, 9th February, 1909.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

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PAKHAI and HAIPHONG	"SINGAN"	On 11th Febr., 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 11th Febr., 4 P.M.
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* AMOI & FOOCHOW		
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* AMOI		
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T. ARIMA, Manager

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
* SHANGHAI	"ESANG"	Tuesday, 9th Febr., Noon.
* SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG"	Thursday, 11th Febr., Noon.
* SHANGHAI	"WOSANG"	Friday, 12th Febr., Noon.
* SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG"	Friday, 12th Febr., 4 P.M.
* MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 12th Febr., 4 P.M.
* MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 19th Febr., 4 P.M.
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MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	SANUKI MARU Capt. K. Homma	6112	WED'DAY, 17th Febr., at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBLE, YOKKAICHI, and YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU Capt. S. J. G. Parsons	6309	WED'DAY, 3rd March, at Daylight
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, and BRISBANE	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	6301	TUESDAY, 16th Febr., at Noon
NAGASAKI, KOBLE and YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	5539	TUESDAY, 2nd March, at Noon
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	KAGASHIMA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	5539	FRIDAY, 19th Febr., at Noon
KOBLE and YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	5539	FRIDAY, 19th March, at Noon
SHANGHAI, MOI, and KOBLE	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	5539	WED'DAY, 17th Febr., at Noon
	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	5539	FRIDAY, 19th Febr., at Noon
	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	5539	MONDAY, 22nd Febr., at Daylight
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Hongkong, 9th February, 1909.

T. KUSUMOTO,
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MARSEILLES, HAVRE and COPENHAGEN	"YEDDO"	On 20th February.

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Hongkong, 5th February, 1909.

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